

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 16 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0016

Bruce A. Van Note
COMMISIONER

November 21, 2019

Subject: Retaining Wall Replacements

State WIN: 022924.00 Location: Mechanic Falls Amendment No. 1

Dear Sir/Ms.:

The following questions have been received:

Question: Does the entire wall surface get paid for including what is buried or does only the exposed surface area of the wall get paid for?

Response: The wall will be measured by the square foot of the front surface installed; this will include any part of the wall that is later buried.

Question: Does the quantity of 2,200 SF for Item 673.10 include the entire wall or just the exposed surface area?

Response: See previous response.

Question: How is the removal of the existing retaining wall being paid for?

Response: The removal of the existing wall will be incidental to Item 673.10, and will become the property of the Contractor, with the following exception:

The coping blocks (top cap) between stations 226+60 and 227+48 will remain the property of the property owner. If they have not been removed prior to construction, the contractor shall remove and stack them on the property.

Question: Would the DOT consider 4" of 3/4" crushed stone instead of the 4" concrete leveling pad?

Response: No.

Question: The detail on sheet #2 shows the 4" underdrain at the leveling pad height. Sheets #3,4 & 5 show 4" underdrain approximately 5' below the bottom of leveling pad. Which underdrain location is correct and where does the proposed underdrain drain to?

Response: The location of the 4-inch Drain Pipe on the Typical Retaining Wall Section on Page 2 of 9 is correct. Refer to Retaining Wall Note 7 for the design and outlet of the 4-inch Drain Pipe.

Question: Sheet #8 has a note saying that area behind wall to be landscaped by others. Are contractors to assume anything within the temp. construction limits can be removed in order to install new wall and will not have to be replaced in this project?

Response: All disturbed areas behind the wall will be loamed, seeded and mulched. Trees to Remain as indicated on the plans are not to be disturbed.

Consider these changes and information prior to submitting your bid on November 27, 2019.

Sincerely,

George M. A. Macdougall P.E.

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Contracts & Specifications Engineer